

REMARKS

Applicant requests a three-month extension of time. The lone independent claim 1, as currently amended, now includes the limitation of a lockout feature for adjusting the day hand on the clock of the present invention. This feature is critical to allowing a user to set the day hand to a desired day. No prior art cited by the Examiner teaches, suggests, or otherwise discloses this feature. Support is found in FIG. 10 of the present invention, with the illustration of knob 2 as illustrated and described. Specifically, FIG. 10 shows a lockout feature for the day hand that is at the heart of Applicant's invention. The lockout mechanism engages/disengages the day hand so that it either is in contact with the day gear or is not in contact with the day gear, so that the day hand can be adjusted. This feature does not appear anywhere in the cited prior art provided in this case by Examiner.

Claims 5-6 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Elberg in view of Komiyama (US 5062090). Applicant incorporates the arguments made above with respect to claim 1, and points out that claims 5-6 depend from claim 1 and thus incorporate all of the limitations of claim 1 and are therefore patentable in their current form.

INVITATION TO TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

Applicant invites Examiner to call the undersigned attorney at the phone number listed below if the Examiner feels there are any remaining issues that might be resolved by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: September 24, 2010

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Crosby". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Crosby".

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